

THE HONORABLE JOHN C. COUGHENOUR

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
  
Plaintiff,  
  
v.  
  
ALI AMER WAHEEB MUFREJ,  
  
Defendant.

CASE NO. CR19-0025-JCC  
  
ORDER

This matter comes before the Court on Defendant's unopposed motion to continue the trial date and pretrial motions deadline (Dkt. No. 21). Defendant has filed a speedy trial waiver up to October 15, 2019. (Dkt. No. 22.) Having considered Defendant's motion and speedy trial waiver, the Court FINDS:

1. Taking into account the exercise of due diligence, a failure to grant a continuance in this case would deny defense counsel reasonable time necessary for effective preparation due to counsel's need for more time to review the evidence, consider possible defenses, and gather evidence material to the defense, as set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(iv); and

2. Failure to grant a continuance would likely result in the miscarriage of justice, as set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(i); and

3. The additional time requested is a reasonable period of delay, as Defendant has requested more time to prepare for trial, investigate the matter, gather evidence material to the

1 defense, and consider possible defenses; and

2 4. The case is sufficiently complex that it is unreasonable to expect adequate  
3 preparation for pretrial proceedings or the trial itself within the current trial schedule, as set forth  
4 in 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(ii); and

5 5. The ends of justice will best be served by a continuance, and the ends of justice  
6 outweigh the best interests of the public and Defendant in any speedier trial, as set forth in 18  
7 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A); and

8 6. The additional time requested between the current trial date and the new trial date  
9 is necessary to provide defense counsel the reasonable time necessary to prepare for trial,  
10 considering counsel's schedule and all of the facts set forth above.

11 For the foregoing reasons, Defendant's motion to continue trial (Dkt. No. 21) is  
12 GRANTED. It is therefore ORDERED that the trial date be CONTINUED from April 8, 2019 to  
13 September 23, 2019 at 9:30 a.m., and that the time between the date of this order and the new  
14 trial date is excludable time under the Speedy Trial Act, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 3161(h)(7)(A),  
15 3161(h)(7)(B)(ii), and 3161(h)(7)(B)(iv). Any pretrial motions shall be filed no later than August  
16 12, 2019.

17 DATED this 28th day of February 2019.

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John C. Coughenour  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE